

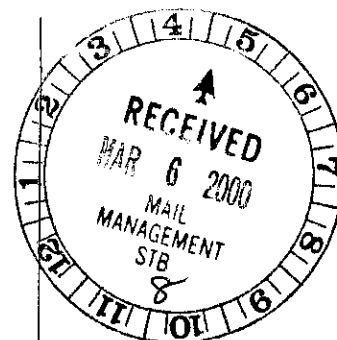
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To the esteemed members of the NTSB
Washington, D.C.

Dear Board members,

The purpose of my letter is to inform you that I, Eric W. Carlson of Intermodal Services, Inc. in Belvidere, IL, am planning to attend and participate in the public hearing being held in Washington, D.C. on March 8, 2000 with regards to Financial Docket #33842.

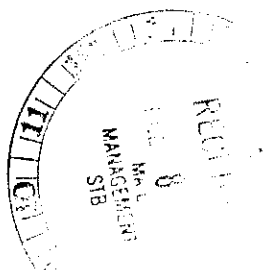
I will need approximately 5 minutes to voice my views and opinions on the matter of further major rail consolidations. I would also ask that you would kindly waive the requirement of having to file this notice electronically with the NTSB.

Thankyou for your concern in this matter and allowing us to express our views to you.

Sincerely,

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Attachment B
Views on Major Rail Consolidations
STB Ex Parte No. 582
BNSF / CN
STB Finance Docket No. 33842
2/3/2000

Distinguished members of the National Surface Transportation Board:

My company, Intermodal Services, Inc., of Belvidere, IL, currently uses rail transportation. Our annual volume is around 800 carloads adding up to around 2.4 million dollars in rail freight. I support the STB's decision to carefully examine this latest merger proposal between the BNSF and the CN railroads. The board must consider the effects that further mergers and consolidations in the rail industry will have on shippers.

Any major rail consolidation now or in the near future would be extremely unfortunate. The rail industry is still adjusting to the effects of the last round of mergers which began with the BN's purchase of the Santa Fe. Not all of the benefits of those mergers have been realized or accomplished yet. The industry needs to stabilize and improve its overall operations before further consolidations are undertaken.

I am greatly concerned with the fact that the rail industry seems to be heading toward a monopoly. That is never good for an economy. We need healthy competition between carriers to sustain and maintain adequate rate levels and performance.

I hope in being brief I still have made my point. If I have not, then let me make it simple. Please do not allow this merger between the BNSF and the CN railroads to take place, or the rail industry and everyone tied to it will suffer the consequences of another round of mergers, and within years the government will have to regulate the rail industry. Thankyou for your concern.

Sincerely,



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